THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) There were 68 Public Sector Undertakings which defaulted in the payment of wages/salaries and other statutory dues, the details of which are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 190, Annexure No. 10] The government has already set up a Group of Ministers to examine and recommend to the Government the manner in which the dues may be cleared.

Selection of Chairman of CCI

833. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates appeared before the Public Enterprises Selection Board for the selection of Chairman of Cement Corporation of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that a CBI suspect has been shortlisted for the Chairmanship of CCI; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Eight candidates appeared for interview before the PESB for selection to the post of CMD, CCI, PESB has recommended the name of one candidate. His case is under process. While taking a final decision in the matter, all aspects including Vigilance angle are kept in view.

Public enterprises running in loss

† 834. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of public enterprises functioning under the Central Government and the names of those, out of n\is, which are running in loss;

(b) the total loss incurred by public enterprises which are running in loss from 1995-96 to 1999-2000;

(c) whether there are certain public enterprises which have recovered during the last ten years and have started earning profits;

(d) if so, the names thereof; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.